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"This only grant me, that my means may lie Too low for envy, for Contempt too high. Some honour I would have, not for great deeds, but good alone."—Abraham Cowley.

OFFICIAL NOTICES AND WANTS

The Annual Meeting of Tuesday, August 10, was full of inspiration and purpose to improve the service our Society offers to its members. However, the Society can do nothing for us of itself; it only will serve us in that measure that we ourselves serve the membership by the several contributions of effort, loyalty, enthusiasm, research and other purposeful energy. He who serves most will receive the most in return.

The By-laws were amended by adopting the proposed amendment to Sec. 5 Art. II. permitting the husbands and wives of members to become members.

The proposed Amendment to Sec. 4, Art. II. of the By-laws, was discussed and action upon it deferred for more mature consideration. However those present urged that it ought to be adopted in order to properly assist in financing the research and purposes our members expect from the Society.

Action on the adoption of a Coat-of-Arms for our Society as its Official insignia, was also deferred to permit the collection of further definite data; it appearing that the Scotch Blairs were of various septs, each having its own Arms, and some of them differing widely from others.

The Corresponding Secretary feels that she may be criticised by some for not securing a larger list of new members. However, her report of having mailed over 4,489 typewritten letters to prospects all over the land, should satisfy the most critical that she has performed a great work for the Society; and especially when our members learn that she receives no pay whatsoever for her work, and has often paid for her stationery, and printing, as well as for some of her postage. A real opportunity for your service by contributions, however small or great, to this wearying work of circularizing and "follow-up" correspondence, would assist her greatly. Offers of stationery; of postage; of typing her letters; and of "follow-up" work, would facilitate her labors. Many of her letters returned undelivered.

Don't neglect payment of your 1926 Membership Dues, if overlooked yet.

Trustees elected at the August 10th Meeting were: Hon. Frederick Wells Blair, of Girard; Mr. James Sutton Blair, of Indiania, Pennsylvania; and John Elmer Reed, Esq., of Erie, Pennsylvania. It is believed that this election will ensure faithful and enegetic plans for the development of our Society.

WANTED: You to send the Genealogical Secretary all news items, or news of Blair Births, Weddings, Deaths, Graduation, Distinguished Services, Scientific, Scholastic, Political, Commercial or other Accomplishments, Personal Attainments, Illness and Recoveries, and other matters of Clan interest to the Blairs. These

will be published in the Magazine so far as our space permits, if suitable; or will be merely filed for reference if so indicated by the contributor.

WANTED: Pictures of our members, of distinguished BLAIRS and of historic spots in our BLAIR experiences; Cuts, Drawings, Sketches, and Descriptions of Castles, Country-Seats, Battle-fields, Churches, Head-stones, Inscriptions, Homes, etc., of the BLAIRS, of "BLAIR HOUSE" in Aghadowey, Ireland; of BLAIR college, Edinburgh, Scotland; of Carrickfergus Castle, Ireland; "MacGregor's Little Red Meeting-house", in Ireland; of any BLAIR Immigrants or Pioneers, of "Derry", Ireland; or other interesting places or events. Have yau any such?

Mrs. Claril Blair Blair, our Corresponding Secretary, wishes all members to send her lists of BLAIRS who ought to belong to our Society, and who are likely to become interested in it. Mail to her, Box 325 High Street, Mantua, Ohio, and she will try hard to secure them.

The Genealogical Secretary has obtained an interesting collection of works on various Scottish matters, including "The Scotch Clans and Their Tartans"; "The Scotch Dress and How to Wear It"; "Histories of the Scotch Clans"; Anderson's "The Scottish Nation"; "The BLAIR Family of New England", by Emily Wilder Leavitt; "BLAIR Genealogy" by Mrs. Minnie Blair Reynolds; "My BLAIR Ancestry and Kindred" by Albert BLAIR, of St. Louis; and many other equally useful books.

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MEMBERSHIP LIST

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The following persons have been elected to full membership since the publication of Vol. 1, No. 1.

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It is noted with much satisfaction that we now have 53 members (less two in the deaths of Harry Blair Gill, Esq.; and John H. Blair) from 26 states (including D. C.); 14 from Pa.; 7 from Ohio; 5 from Missouri; 3 from D. C.; 2 each from Michigan and Virginia; and one each from Ill., N. J., Texas, Cal., N. C., Md., Mass., Ky., Alab., Kas., Wisc., Ind., Fla., Miss., Ariz., W. V., Ga., Colo., N. Y., N. H., and our society not yet two years old. That is doing pretty well, we think.

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"Depend upon it, my snobbish friend, your family line you can't ascend without good reason to apprehend you'd find it waxed at the other end with some plebean vocation; Or worse than that your boasted line will end in a loop of stronger twine that plagued some worthy relation."—Saxe

BLAIR, THE SCOTCH FAMILY

"BLAIR, a surname of great antiquity in Scotland, and like so many others in that kingdom, is territorial. The word BLAIR or BLAR properly signifies a plain clear of woods, but the Celtae in general choosing such plains for their hostile encounters, the word came at length to signify a field of battle. The family of BLAIR of BLAIR in Ayrshire, have maintained since the thirteenth century a high position in that county, and a branch of it acquired the lands of Dunskey, in Wigtonshire, by purchase in the year 1658. The BLAIRS of BLAIR and the BLAIRS of Balthyock in Perthshire long disputed the honour of the chieftanship. James the Sixth, to whom the point was referred, decided that 'the oldest man, for the time being, either family, should have the precedency.' Both families have had several considerable landed families descended from them. Those from Balthyock are settled in Perthshire, Forfarshire, and the north; those from BLAIR of that ilk in the counties of Ayr, Wigton, Renfrew, etc., in the south and west. Their arms bear no affinity, but as it will afterwards appear, it does not follow that they may not have been descended from the same stock.

Of the family of BLAIR of BLAIR, the first on record was WILLIAM de BLAIR, who, in 1205, during the reign of William the Lion, is mentioned in a contract of agreement, in the charter chest of the burgh of Irvine, betwixt Ralph de Eglintoun and the village of Irvine. It is well known that many Normans and English came into Scotland during this and the previous reigns, who received grants of land from the crown. The circumstances of his son being a witness to a royal charter (which only tenants in-chief of the crown, nobles, and ecclesiastics, were privileged to do), proves that the lands he held were a royal fief, and his Norman surname of William, which was also that of his son, never having been borne by natives of Scotland until after Prince Henry, eldest son of David I, had bestowed it upon his second son, (the then reigning monarch), along with the Norman prefix de, lends probability to the conjecture that William was an Anglo-Norman warrior, on whom had been bestowed these lands of BLAIR. He died in the reign of Alexander II., and left a son, WILLIAM de BLAIR. A WILLIAM de BLAIR is witness in a charter of King Alexander III. to the abacy of Dunfermline, about the year 1260, but it is uncertain if this is the same. WILLIAM de BLAIR is said to have had two sons, Sir BRYCE, his heir, and DAVID.

SIR BRYCE, the eldest son, treacherously slain by the English, with other Ayrshire barons, at Ayr, in 1296. He left no issue, and was succeeded by his brother DAVID BLAIR or BLARE, who was compelled to swear fealty to King Edward I. of England, in 1296, the year of his brother's death. In the critical remarks on the Ragman Roll (Prynne's copy), he is mentioned as one of the progenitors of the family. DAVID'S son, ROGER de BLAIR of that ilk, was a firm friend of King Robert the Bruce, from whom he obtained a charter under the great seal, 'Rogero de Blair, dilecto et fideli nostro,' of four chalders of victual yearly out of the lands of Bcurtrees, in the barony of Cunningham, Aryshire, to him and his heirs forever. ROGER died in the reign of David II.

His son, HUGH de BLAIR, is said to have succeeded him. A Hugone de Blair, et Johne frate suo, are mentioned in a charter of confirmation during the reign of David II., to the monastery of Kilwinning, as witnesses.

HUGH was succeeded by his son, JAMES BLAIR of that ilk, an adherent of King David Bruce, from whom he got a grant of several tenements of land about the town of Ayr, which had fallen into the king's hand by forfeiture. This is confirmed by a charter under the great seal from the said King David, dated at Edinburgh, 3d February, 1368, in the 39th year of his reign. Robertson, in his 'Ayrshire Families,' states that he had two sons, JAMES, who succeeded him, and Sir JOHN, progenitor of the BLAIRS of Adamton, Ayrshire. The lands of Adamton appear, from a charter of David II., to have been acquired in or before 1363, by their father in excambion with Sir Robert de Erskine, for the lands of Malerbe and others in Perthshire. The BLAIRS of Adamton flourished for a long series of years until Catherine, only daughter and heiress of DAVID BLAIR of Adamton, married, in 1776, Sir William Maxwell, baronet, of Monteith. She sold Adamton to Robert Reid, Esq., and died in 1798.

The next laird, JAMES BLAIR of that ilk, son of the former, obtained a charter from Robert II., dated 8th May 1375, confirming a charter, granted to his father by David II., of the lands of Corshogyll, etc., in Dumfries-shire, and another, of 2nd July, the same year, of the lands of Hartwood, etc. He died in the reign of James the First, leaving a son, called DAVID by Douglas in his baronage (p. 194), but his

name was more probably HUGH, as Sir HUGH BLAIR of that ilk appears to several charters of the period in which he lived, the commencement of the fifteenth century.

It is supposed that he was succeeded by a son of the name of James, and he by his nephew (Sir Hugh's grandson), JOHN BLAIR, of that ilk, who was served heir to his grandfather, and obtained from James the Third a charter, 'Johannia Blair, de eodem, nepoti et haeredi Jacobi, etc., terrarum boroniae de Blair, 19 January 1477.' He left, with two daughters, Egidia, married to James Kennedy of the family of Cassilis, and Elizabeth, married to Ninian Stewart, of Bute, a son, JOHN BLAIR of that ilk, who married Lady Elizabeth Montgomery, fifth daughter of Hugh first earl of Eglinton, and had issue JOHN his heir, and MARGARET, married to John Crawford of Crawfurdland. In Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, there is an entry under date May 18, 1545, the fourth year of Queen Mary, that JOHN BLAIR and PATRICK his son, both then at the horn, found security to underlie the law for abiding from the queen's armies at Ancrum, on the previous February 27, and Coldingham on December 31, and from other raids.

JOHN BLAIR of that ilk, his son, died in the early part of the reign of James the Sixth, and was succeeded by his son, JOHN BLAIR of BLAIR. In the work just quoted, under date of May 21, 1577, JOHN BLAIR of that ilk, WILLIAM BLAIR his brother, ROBERT BLAIR, brother of WILLIAM BLAIR of Halie, with twenty-five others, their servants and followers, are indicted for shooting with pistolets, following and chasing one Thomas Crawford and his servants, for their slaughter, upon forethought felony. The laird of BLAIR, and his brother WILLIAM, being found guilty, they respectively found security to enter their persons in ward within the castle of Blackness by eight o'clock in the evening, and not to escape therefrom until they were relieved, JOHN BLAIR under penalty of five thousand pounds, and WILLIAM BLAIR, under that of two thousand pounds. By his wife Grizel, daughter of Robert, third Lord of Sempill, this JOHN BLAIR of BLAIR had, with three daughters, five sons, viz., John who married Isobel, daughter of Thomas, fifth Lord Boyd, and who predeceased his father, leaving three daughters well married; BRYCE who succeeded to the estate on the death of his father in 1609; ALEXANDER, who married Elizabeth, only daughter and heir of William Cochrane of that ilk, when he took his name and arms, and thus became ancestor of the noble family of Dundonald, his grandson, Sir Willam Cochrane, knight, being created Earl of Dundonald in 1669, (See Dundonald, Earl of); JAMES; and ROBERT of Bogtown, father of Sir ADAM BLAIR of Bogtown.

BRYCE BLAIR of BLAIR, the second son, married Annabell Wallace, and had two sons and five daughters, the latter of whom were all well married. He died 4th February 1639, and was succeeded by his elder twin-son, SIR BRYCE BLAIR, who was knighted by Charles the First. He married, in 1618, Marian, daughter of Walter Dundas of Dundas, and died a few months after his father. He was succeeded by his son, JOHN BLAIR, who died soon after without issue, and was succeeded by his uncle, JOHN BLAIR, who married Lady Jean Cunningham, daughter of William, eighth earl of Glencairn, and dying in 1662, was succeeded by his son, WILLIAM BLAIR of BLAIR. This gentleman was named by the restoration government of Scotland a member of the Commission in Ayrshire for holding courts on the Covenanters, but he early joined the Revolution party, and was a member of the Convention of estates, 16th March, 1689, and one of the Committee for settling the government. Having raised a troop of horse in support of King William, he marched with it into Perthshire. Information of this having reached the Viscount Dundee, then in arms in Athol for King James, he determined to surprise them, and accordingly he left Athol, and proceeded with celerity during the night towards Perth, which city he entered unawares early next morning, and seized both the laird of BLAIR and the laird of Pollock, who was with him, and two other officers, in their beds, and carried them off prisoners to the Highlands, where the laird of BLAIR died soon after. He had married Lady Margaret Hamilton, fourth daughter of William, second duke of Hamilton, and was succeeded by his son.

WILLIAM BLAIR of BLAIR, who was a Commissioner of Supply for the county of Ayr, in the Convention parliament which met in 1689. He married Magdalene daughter of James Campbell of Cargunnock, by whom, besides a daughter Magdalene, he had a son, JOHN, to whom he disponed his estate, reserving to himself a liferent. His son predeceased him, unmarried, and was succeeded by his sister, MAGDALENE BLAIR, who married William Scott, Esq., advocate, second son of John Scott, Esq., of Malleny, in Mid Lothian (an ancient branch of Buccleuch), and a son, William her heir. The heiress of BLAIR is supposed to have

died before the year 1715, and Mr. Scott, her widower, who had assumed the name and arms of BLAIR, the latter quartered with those of Scott, married, secondly, Catherine, only daughter of Alexander Tait, of Edinburgh, merchant, and had by her five sons and six daughters. Hamilton, the eldest, succeeded his half-brother, William, on the death of the latter, unmarried, in 1732. He had early entered the army, and in 1760, was major of the Scots Greys. He married Jane, daughter of Sydenham Williams, Esq., of Herrington, in the County of Dorset, and had issue a son and two daughters. WILLIAM BLAIR of BLAIR, his son, succeeded him on his death in 1782. He married Magdalene, daughter of John Fordyce, Esq., of Ayton, Berwickshire, for many years commissioner of the woods and forests and land revenue, and by that lady, who died in 1817, he had five sons and seven daughters. His two eldest sons having predeceased him, he was succeeded in 1841, by his third son, WILLIAM FORDYCE BLAIR, Captain R. N. The latter married, 2nd July, 1840, Caroline-Isobella, youngest daughter of John Sprot, Esq., of London; issue, two daughters, Mary and Caroline-Madalina." From Anderson's Scottish Nation, Vol. 1., page 318.

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A SEARCHER'S SUGGESTIONS

"Ye can tell a Scotchman a long ways off, but ye canna tell him much." —Old Scotch Proverb.

From the standpoint of a Research Worker, I would like to discuss "QUERIES and REPLIES."

I see clearly that the decisions to hold collected data to the BLAIR name seems a wise economy in the bulk of material to be handled. But the Research Worker must have every known item of the line:

LOCALITY, and date of settling there, and removal from. (This covers the period to be searched.)

DATES of Birth, Marriage, and Death—approximately, if exact dates are not known. Those early people used the family names until they were almost threadbare. It is sometimes absolutely impossible to distinguish between generations without something in the way of dates.

THE MAIDEN NAMES of Wives; her parents, both father, and the maiden name or family name, of mother. This because there are few BLAIR genealogies—and many, many, of other families.. I have voluminous dates, names, data, extracted from the genealogies of other family names—but nothing in my BLAIR data with which to connect them, in many cases. With the mother's, or the grandmother's maiden name, we can often place the sought for lines.

WHEN QUERIES are sent in, I suggest that for the use of the Research Worker, even if space cannot be given for full data in the Magazine, that all possible data be sent also.

EARLY BIBLE RECORDS are invaluable. Old Wills, Land Grants, are useful. The Bible Records must, as a rule come from the family involved. The regional histories often though, give the wills and the land-grants.

QUERY 4 for instance, in No. 2, is an utterly appalling task. No. 1 and 3 likewise leave the Searcher with not a vestige of an idea where to look! No. 8 gives the state—but there were many, many BLAIRS settled in Missouri—and the state has 114 counties.

THE MARRIAGES of the brothers and sisters of a given family sometimes prove invaluable; those names may appear in other genealogies, and so give the solution to our purely BLAIR problem.

In the BLAIR Chronology—the last page of No. 2, for instance—the one fully valuable item there, helpful to every genealogical searcher as long as the paper upon which it is printed lasts, is the item of the marriage of Robert Cameron Reed and Miss Violet May King. It provides the basis of research in every line, and would be a joy to any research worker.

The "Births" afford a single item of information, but an item requiring much work to tie up with any further data—identification would hinge entirely upon the mother's first name; and the chance of tracing the family moves from those addresses up to the supposed time of the search.

This is not intended in the least as objecting to the use of these items. It is the desire wholly, to make the Magazine of the utmost value as History. And this discussion is based entirely on practical experience in genealogical research. I believe sincerely that we are crippling ourselves seriously by not extending our data. We must have, in research, all this data of the maternal lines (or paternal, when the wife is a BLAIR).

It does unuestionably present a problem, in the bulk of the material. But equally unquestionably it simplifies much, if not all, the work later. These additional names too often are the determining things in identification.

Los Angeles, July 5, 1926. Effemey Blair Wall.

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JOHN BLAIR OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

By Rev. Alexander Doak Tadlock, D. D.

"Domestic Happiness, Thou only Bliss of Paradise that has survived the Fall." —Cowper.

For some years I have been interested in the BLAIRS, and many letters passed between Dr. Moore and myself. I gave her a full account of the Jonesboro, Tennessee, BLAIRS, who came from Pennsylvania. My grandmother on my mother's side was the daughter of Lt. JOHN BLAIR, who came from Pennsylvania; and my grandmother on my father's side was the daughter of JOHN BLAIR, who came from Guilford County, N. C., to Tennessee. I am not so well up with my father's side of the house as I am with my mother's side—which I have well nigh full. I grew up amongst by mother's uncles and aunts—knew them all; and while you would not want to fill the magazine with whole families, yet doubtless you would wish to present an outline of the families. So I am sending you an outline of the two BLAIRS who came to Tennessee from Pennsylvania. You can depend upon the accuracy of this outline. The wife of Congressman JOHN BLAIR, who was a son of Lt. JOHN BLAIR, personally knew all of these families, and kept a careful record of all deaths, marriages, etc. Here is the record of the two JOHN BLAIRS, father and son, who came to Washington County, Tennessee, shortly after they were discharged from the service in the War of the Revolution. I will call the father Pioneer JOHN BLAIR.

Pioneer JOHN BLAIR married Martha Laird in Ireland (perhaps County Down). Part of their children were born there and part in Pennsylvania. They emigrated from Ireland about 1770 to York County, Pennsylvania, to a point near East Berlin, which is now in Adams County. He died in Washington County, East Tennessee, in 1798; his wife, Martha, died in April, 1803. They are buried at Washington College. These are their descendants:

1.—Lt. JOHN BLAIR, born about 1754, died Dec. 18, 1818, married August 30, 1785; Susannah Kelsey.

2.—ANN BLAIR, born 1758, died August 19, 1829, married ..... Alexander McLin (great grandfather of this contributor),

3.—ROBERT BLAIR, born ....., died Washington County, Tenn., 1802, married Jane Steel.

4.—BRICE BLAIR, born ....., Married Mary McCannaha, went to Ohio 1813.
(Note: He must not be confused with Brice Blair who died in Penna.)

5.—RICHARD BLAIR, married in Tennessee, went to Ohio in 1813.

6.—WILLIAM BLAIR, born February 1, 1762, married Margaret Wallace in

Tenn., died July 20, 1850. He went to Adams County, Ohio, in 1813. (Judge Blair of Portsmouth, Ohio, is a descendant).

7.—JOSEPH BLAIR, born May 12, 1770, died January 27, 1840, married Jane McCannaha, the sister of the above-named Mary McCannaha, and went to Ohio in 1813.

8.—MARTHA BLAIR, born ....., died March 9, 1812, married Ebenezer John Cunningham.

The family of Lt. JOHN BLAIR, son of Pioneer JOHN BLAIR who married Martha Laird in Ireland, and Susannah Kelsey, his wife, of Tennessee.

Lt. JOHN BLAIR served as a Revolutionary soldier in the capacity of 1st Lieut. E. S. S. A. F. 115 Pa. Inf. Wounded in the Battle of Germantown. In his application for a pension he stated that he served in the 7th Pa. Line; that he also served in the N. J. Line; that he was Col. under Brig. Gen. John Sevier in fighting the Indians in Tennessee and Georgia; that he was a member of the N. C. Legislature 1786 and 7; and also a member of the 1st Legislature of Tennessee.

Their issue:

1.—NANCY KELSEY BLAIR, born 1787, married James Crawford, and went to Illinois.

2.—MARTHA BLAIR, born February 20, 10 A. M., 1788, died ..... 1864 aged 79, married October 3, 1820, William Gilliland.

3.—JOHN BLAIR, (15 years in Congress), born September 13, 1790, died

4.—ANN BLAIR, born May 22, 1793, died April 6, 1861, married June 20, 1816, Robert Lynn McLin, son of Alexander McLin (grandfather of contributor).

5.—WILLIAM KELSEY BLAIR, born December ..... 1794, died ....., 188..., married 1st, Mary E. Yearsley; 2d, Jane Cunningham McLin, Widow of Rev. James McLin.

6.—MARGARET BLAIR, born ....., 1794, never married, died in Illinois.

7.—ROBERT LAIRD BLAIR, born ....., 1802, died ....., 1885, married November 1, 1838, Martha Roe Cunningham.

8.—ELIZABETH BLAIR, born ....., 1799, died ....., married December 2, 1828, William Mitchell, M. D.

Thus I have herein accounted for all the immediate descendants of the two BLAIRS, father and son, who came from Pennsylvania to North Carolina (afterwards it was Tennessee). I am wondering if it is proper to burden the Magazine with these facts. If these statements shall find a place in the BLAIR MAGAZINE, you may depend upon its correctness. There is but one question connected with the history of "Pioneer JOHN BLAIR" that remains unsettled, and that is not material; Dr. Moore wrote me that father and son were both Lieutenants in the Revolutionary War. Later she wrote that JOHN BLAIR, the father of Lieut. JOHN BLAIR, was only a private in the army. Two old and reputable citizens of Washington College testify that they distinctly remember when the marker at the grave of this man bore the inscription "Lt."; the inscription having leached away many years ago under the influence of a fire that swept over the grounds. But good men may sometimes be mistaken. I have been informed that there was but one Lt. among the BLAIRS of the Revolutionary War, from Pennsylvania. If that be true, then these men are evidently laboring under an erroneous impression.

We are delighted with the progress being made with the BLAIR MAGAZINE, and especially with the growing interest upon the part of the BLAIRS and related families. Success to the undertaking.

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VITAL STATISTICS OF BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

"The moving Finger writes; and having writ, Moves on: Nor all your Piety nor wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line, Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it."—Omar Khayyam.

Compiled by Rev. Sumner G. Wood from the Records of the Town Clerk of Blandford, Massachusetts

BIRTHS

To ISAAC BLAIR and Bathsheba his wife, ENOCH BLAIR, Nov. 15, 1771.

To ROBERT BLAIR, Jr., and Hannah his wife
ROBERT BLAIR, born fryday march 20th 1772 in Blanford
HANNAH BLAIR born Sunday Nov. 21 1773 in Blanford
JONAS BLAIR born Tuesday march 5 1776 in Blanford
DEBORAH BLAIR Born Sunday Jan. 19, 1778 in Blanford
SALLY BLAIR Born fryday April 21, 1780 in Blanford
RACHEL BLAIR Born Sunday, Dec. 14, 1783 in Blanford
JUBA. IRA BLAIR, born Dec. 9 Wednesday, 1789

To JACOB BLAIR and Martha his wife
REUBEN Born February 12 1763
JOHN Born Sept 18 1765
ELISABETH Born march 21 1768
JAMES Born January 4 1772
JACOB and MARTHA Born January 6 1774
NATHAN BLAIR Born August 20, 1776

To REUBEN BLAIR and Tryphena his wife
OREN BLAIR was born on March the first 1793
An Infant Girle Born March 2 1795
POLLY BLAIR was Born Sept. 14th 1796
HEMON BLAIR was Born May 2 1799
HARVEY BLAIR was born December 25th 1801
SAMUEL ORREN BLAIR was born July 22 1804
BETSEY BLAIR was born November 28th 1806

To REUBEN BLAIR and Hannah his wife
TRUMAN BLAIR December 20th 1808

BANNS

October 1762 ..... Between ALIXANDER BLAIR & Elisabeth Marrs
Betwen DAVID BLAIR & Miriam Boise both of this Town. December 20th 1771
ROBERT BLAIR Jur of Blanford and Hanah Howard of Western August 20th 1770
between David Boise and DOLLEY BLAIR.....December ye 1d 1772 the above named both of Blanford
David Knox and SUBMIT BLAIR Both of Blanford ..... Decr 1783
ADAM BLAIR & Thankful Black ..... December 28th 1784
ASA BLAIR & Hittie Cannon of Blanford ..... in Decemr 1783
Joel Boise of Blanford & BETTY BLAIR of Rutland ..... Feby 3: 1781
ADAM BLAIR of Blanford & Martha Thrall of Windsor .....Octr 1780
RUFUS BLAIR & Dolley Boise Both of this town of Blanford.....Novr 1780
Saml Boise 3rd and hannah BLAIR Both of Blanford.....April 4th 1779
Mr. John Morton and Mr. (sic) ELIZEBETH BLAIR, both of Blanford May 19, 1793
SAMUEL BLAIR of Blanford and Margaret Smith of Palmer.....May the 2 1774
Betwixt James McMillin & ANNE BLAIR.....June 24th 1785
ROBERT BLAIR the third and Sarah Bois Both of Blanford.....february the 12, 1776
mr EDMUN BLAIR—mrs ISABEL BLAIR, both of Blanford, Dec. 20, 1798
mr JOHN BLAIR—mrs Anna Henry, both of Blanford, Oct. 10, 1790
Mr. Wm Lloyd—Miss BETSEY BLAIR, both of Blanford, Nov. 17, 1791
Roger Brooks of Whitestown and ANNE AMELIA BLAIR of Blanford Jan. 3, 1796
Samuel Hunter—HANNAH BLAIR, both of Blanford, Feb. 7, 1796
JOHN BLAIR 2nd—Patty Smith, both of Blanford, May 1, 1796
Robert Henry of Blanford—DOLLY BLAIR of Becket, April 9, 1797
MATTHEW BLAIR 2nd—Polly White, both of Blanford, August 1799
JACOB BLAIR Jr—Dorothy Ferguson, both of Blanford, November 1799
JAMES BLAIR 2nd—Mercy Howard, both of Blanford, May 1799
Benedict Bowdowitch of Farmington—DEBORAH BLAIR of Blanford March 1800
Mr. ENOCH BLAIR—Mrs. Jinnie Knox, both of Blanford, March 2, 1794

MARRIAGES

William Mitchal marid to ELIZABETH BLAIR Decembr. ye 28 1749
David Boise & DOLLEY BLAIR both of Blanford December ye first Day 1772
RUFUS BLAIR and Dolley Boise Both of Blanford, Dec. 28, 1780
ASA BLAIR and Mehetabel Carnahan both of Blanford—Feby 1st 1781
David Knox and SUBMIT BLAIR, both of Blanford, March 31st 1783
ENOCH BLAIR and Jane Knox, March 1794
EDMUN BLAIR to ISABEL BLAIR, Dec. 24th, 1789

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

DAVID BLAIR, Jr., died Oct. 8, 1828, aged 46 years
Mrs. Tryphena, wife of REUBEN BLAIR, died Dec. 15, 1806, in 37th year of her age
ADAM BLAIR, D. Apr. 22, 1840. 85 yrs.
Thankful, wife of ADAM BLAIR, D. Oct. 24, 1830, 74 yrs.
Martha, consort of Mr. ADAM BLAIR, born Dec. 1775. d., Oct. 20, 1781
CAPT. ASA BLAIR, d. July 5, 1831, 76 yrs.
Hitta, wife of ASA BLAIR, d. Aug. 7, 1849, 89 yrs.
JOSEPH, son of Capt. ASA BLAIR and Mrs. Hitti Blair, born Apr. 21 1795, d. Aug 5, 1805
Mrs. Anna, wife of Mr. JOHN BLAIR, d. Dec. 28, 1794, in 27th year of her age
MARTHA BLAIR, dau. of JACOB and Martha, D. July 31, 1787, 14 yrs.
Also, OREN, d. 1803, 10 yrs. and HEMAN d. Sept. 17, 1803, 4½ mos sons of REUBEN and Tryphosa Blair.
Mrs. Mary, wife of Mr. MATTHEW BLAIR, d. Mar. 25, 1753, in her 52nd year.
Elder MATTHEW BLAIR, d. Sept. 22, 1770; 66th year of his age.
MATTHEW BLAIR, d. Dec. 17, 1806, 75th year.
JACOB BLAIR, born in Hopkinton Apr. 1735, d. Nov. 18, 1815, in his 81st year.
Martha, wife of JACOB BLAIR, born in Derry, New hampshire, Nov. 1, 1734, d. July 5, 1805, in her 71st year.
ISAAC BLAIR d. March 3, 1801, 60 yrs.
Deacon ROBERT BLAIR, born in Rutland, June 1720, 10th Day, d. in Blanford June 22, 1801.
Mrs. Hannah Blair, wife of Dea. ROBERT, d. July 15, 1803, in her 81st year.
RUFUS BLAIR, d. Oct. 7, 1800, in his 43rd year.
ANNA, dau. of ISAAC and Bathsheba Blair, d. Apr. 4, 1786, 3 yrs.
REUBEN BLAIR, d. July 16, 1856, 93 yrs., 5 mos., 4 days.

The Vital Statistics of Blandford, we are informed, have never been published. Rev. Wood gathered them with the intention of publishing, but when he took the matter up with the Historical Society they insisted that the exact wording, etc., be copied as in the original, entailing such a volume of work and at such expense, that he could not finance the propostion.

He was for many years pastor of the Congregational Church in Blandford, but has moved to East Berkshire, N. H., and we believe has now in his possession all the records and data which he gathered.

He is the author of "Taverns and Turnpikes of Blandford" a book describing the early days in and about Blandford.—Contributed by M. H. Blair.

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WITH OUR READERS

"Praise without Profit Puts Little in the Purse."—Scotch Proverb.

'Just received Blair Magazine, thanks very much for same." We are deeply interested in the contents of the magazine, as all places mentioned in it we know them perfectly."—James Blair, near Larne, Ireland.

"Magazine just received—I am delighted with every part of it from the contents to its mechanical make-up."—E. B. W.

"I rejoice at the success of 'The Blair Society'. This IS, as it WAS, our aim; and we should be disappointed and saddened at its failure."—Dr. Hall.

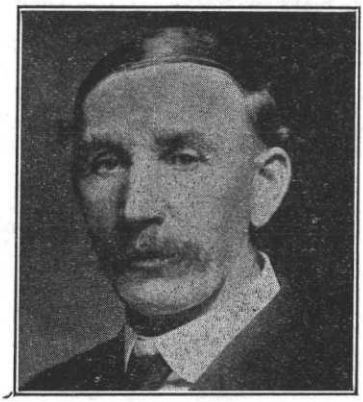
"Enclosed, please find a list of addresses of persons who ought to be interested in the Society and in the Magazine. I will send others later."

This is a fairly common thing to find in letters we are constantly receiving from those who have had the Magazine. "The Magazine is a splendid thing, and I hope it will be a success. It is just the thing the Society has needed." Our members and others who have seen it, write us most flatteringly in this strain, and we must say that because we are more or less human such expressions have a way of warming the "cockles of our heart." They are better said now, than to lay a red, red rose at our grave's head when it is too late to stimulate our enthusiasm. Thank you, one and all.

We saw recently an old copy of "Blair's Chemistry," 5th American Edition, printed in 1827 by Towar and Hogan, Philadelphia, Corrected and Revised by Benjamin Tucker. The Original was credited to The Rev. D. Blair, author of "The Grammar of Philosophy," etc., etc.; and this book was labelled "Blair's Chemistry" on the cover, while inside it was styled "A Grammar of Chemistry" etc.

THE HUGH AND MARY (DAWSON) BLAIR LINE

"I would commune with you of such things that want no ear but yours."—Shakespeare.



By Rev. James Hugh Blair Hall

One man heads the BLAIR FAMILY—WILLIAM de BLAIR—WILLIAM BLAIR—who appears on the stage in Scotland about 1260 A. D. Some have suggested even as early as 839; but this seems, as yet, to be only suggestion.

From the earliest days of the Scotch Blairs, there were two centers of radiation, to-wit: Irvine, the earlier, in Ayrshire; the other in Perthshire. These places were only some seventy five miles apart.

Every BLAIR, living or dead, is, consequently, a descendant in some degree, of the original WILLIAM de BLAIR—WILLIAM BLAIR—and is, remotedly, out of either Ayrshire, or Perthshire, Scotland. The line of descent, by the way, is fairly well given by Mr. William Anderson in his excellent work, "The Scotch Nation", in four handsome volumes. (Note: See the article, "Blair, The Scotch Family" in this issue.—Editor).

Many of the BLAIRS in America came directly from Scotland; while others came from Ireland, whither their parents and grandparents had migrated about the beginning of the Seventeenth Century, to escape religious oppression and persecution; and to better, as well, their worldy estates. These we know as "Scotch-Irish BLAIRS."

The lack of making records, earlier and later, as well as the loss through various causes, of those made, makes it very difficult today to trace any given branch backward to the original. This difficulty, we are glad to say, has been met and measurably overcome—or better understood—by the earnest, generous and persistent efforts of a few men and women who have sought to collect and to preserve the family's history. These efforts, it is most gratifying to note, have resulted in the creation of "The Blair Society for Genealogical Research," and "The Blair Magazine." Through these organized agencies and an increased number of Searchers, it is confidently hoped, as time goes on, to gather and garner the records—the story—of the BLAIRS, wherever found.

Addressing myself to the task in hand—"An Outline Sketch of My BLAIR Line"—it will be seen that it is only an outline. It has behind it at least three aims: 1. To give bits of information and suggestive hints; 2. To help all other Searchers, if it may; and, 3. To enlist others in the fuller research. It is especially hoped that it may awaken inquiry and gain co-operation—which is at the base of all our investigations. As space is limited, I purposely omit all dates, these can, in part, be supplied on occasion or request.

To date I have been able to trace only as far backward as to my fourth great-grandfather—JAMES BLAIR, Sr. Of him, so far, no history has been found—no biographical data. Various names have been suggested as that of his father, as,

James, John, Samuel, Thomas, William. Any one of these may, for the present, be assumed with equal certainty. For no other or better reason I assume that his name was WILLIAM. Nothing is known of his history or family other than what is given in regard of his son, JAMES BLAIR, Sr. He was, likely, born in Scotland; but more likely, in North Ireland.

I. JAMES BLAIR, Sr., married Mary ..... Their home in America, is supposed to have been in Pennsylvania, or in Guilford County (then, perhaps Rowan County), North Carolina; if prior to 1729, simply Carolina. These items are yet to be established. The following are among, if not all of, his children, the birth, or natal order not being now known, viz.:

II. JOHN BLAIR—John Blair, Sr. This man heads Mrs. F. M. (nee Alice Donnell BLAIR) Andrew's line. She has traced it quite fully and I am now compiling her data.

III. HUGH BLAIR, He married Mary Dawson. They were married in Ireland, it is supposed, about 1738. They came to America in the summer of 1746. It is thought they located in Pennsylvania—perhaps in Lancaster County, erected since from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Later they lived in Guilford County, North Carolina. Issue: Three sons—HUGH, JOHN and JAMES; four daughters—MATTIE (Martha?), MARY, JANE, BETSEY (Elizabeth?), there may have been—likely were—others.

Regarding these children:

No records, as yet, or data, of HUGH.

JOHN married, February 9, 1771, in Guilford County, North Carolina, Jane Gamble, and their issue was six sons: TOM (Thomas?), HUGH, ("Lame Hugh"), WILLIAM, JAMES, JOHN and SAMUEL—and two daughters—JEAN and MARY DAWSON. Concerning these: TOM is, as yet, lost sight of; it is said "he married Hannah Smith", that "he went west—probably to Indiana." Data is wanted. HUGH ("Lame Hugh"), WILLIAM, JAMES, and SAMUEL, are the Loudon, Tennessee founders, WILLIAM and SAMUEL being my great-grandfathers—since my grandparents were first cousins. HUGH, lame as the result of rheumatism in childhood, or present-day infantile paralysis, never wed. He died and is buried in Loudon. I have data of WILLIAM BLAIR, who married Sarah Simmons, and of JAMES, who married Jane Carmichael, and of SAMUEL, who married Ann Rodgers. JOHN, after acting as one of the executors named in his father's will, went to Alabama about 1828-1830, locating in Talladega, or Calhoun County, where he married, lived, and died at a ripe old age. It seems that he had a small family—perhaps only one son and one daughter. Data on his line is asked. JEAN BLAIR married Archibald Carmichael and left descendants in Texas. Data is desired. MARY DAWSON died in childhood. This accounts for JOHN BLAIR'S first family. The wife died in 1793.

In November, 1793, JOHN BLAIR married the second time—Miss Hannah Caruthers of Staunton, Virginia. Their issue was four daughters—MARY, who married Sevier Tadlock; RACHEL, who married Hugh Vance (she likely married a second time); MARTHA, who married William Carmichael; and ELIZABETH, who married 1. ..... Biddle, and 2. Rev. ..... Lyons. All these girls married, lived, and died, in the neighborhood of the present Bristol, Tennessee-Virginia. Their lines have all been measurably traced, but further correspondence and fuller information is very much desired. This JOHN, my great-grandfather, made his home in Washington County, Tennessee.

JAMES, married Sarah Lowery. Have only partial data—complete data is sought.

MATTIE, married William Cunningham. No data. Data much desired.

MARY, married James Leeper. This line has been pretty fully traced by Mrs. S. I. Yarnell and others.

JANE, married twice: first, John Endsley. Only partial data; second, ... Cummings; data not gathered, but requested.

BETTY, married ..... McChristian. No data. It seems this name is spelled MyQuistion or McQuiston by some persons. Data is wished.

IV. Major TOM BLAIR. (I insert here only three of his issue as connecting links). JOHN—"Scalped John"—SAMUEL RUTH—some suggest Russell, and THOMAS, Jr. The first two settled, about 1780-85, near the present Nashville, Ten-

nessee, then North Carolina. It is said that SAMUEL drew, for military or other governmental service, the very lands on which Nashville stands; but, as it was not suitable for farming, he exchanged it for lands a few miles out. They—"Scalped Johnny" and SAMUEL RUTH (Russel?) left descendants in the Nashville district; THOMAS, Jr., who married Eleanor Doak (see Eleanor Doak), settled, lived, and died, on the Garrison Fork of Duck River, in Bedford County, Tennessee. These three lines have been and are being traced by Mrs. Andrews and other Searchers. Further materials and records are desired, by Mrs. Andrews, especially.

V. JAMES BLAIR, Jr. Little is known of this line beyond what the Rev. Dr. Tadlock, a descendant, has collected. His children, it seems, were these: SAMUEL, (he could have been "Chucky River Sam Blair" who was with Gen. Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812, and who settled and spent his years near The Hermitage, Jackson's home, near Nashville, Tennessee). Data of this line is wanted: JAMES, JOSEPH, THOMAS, JOHN—almost nothing is known concerning these four sons; JANE, who married Lewis Tadlock, and so first, so far as is known, unites the two families; MARGARET, MARTHA, SARAH, MARY and NANCY (Agnes?)—little is known of these five girls. Data is asked.

VI. WILLIAM BLAIR. As yet, we have no data on this line. If he had a son, Samuel, he could have been "Chucky River Sam." Help is much desired on this line.

VII. ANDREW BLAIR. A suggested—a hinted—possible son.

VIII. JOSEPH BLAIR. The same may be said of him as of VII—a possible son.

If either of these had a son Samuel, he could have been "Chucky River Sam". Help hereon is much desired by Mrs. James H. Hagar, Hermitage, Tennessee.

IX. JANE BLAIR. She is said to have married John Pyeatt (Pyatt?) in S. C. or N. C. and thence removed to Arkansas, settling in or near the present Cane Hill. Data is wanted.

It may be remarked that if there had been other daughters than JANE, they would enter here. If there were such, they are yet to be discovered. Help is wanted.

It will be noted, of course, that if there were other issue of HUGH and MARY (Dawson) BLAIR, they will come in at this point.

Here for the present ends my sketch. Help on any and all of these lines is much desired and earnestly solicited; and at the same time help will be cheerfully and freely given, if requested, by any of the following:

Mrs. F. M. Andrews, 368 Harrison St., E. Orange, N. J.;
Mrs. S. I. Yarnell, 305 Houston St., Shattanooga, Tennessee;
Rev. A. D. Tadlock, D. D., 335 South Maple St., Winchester, Kentucky;
J. E. Reed, Esq., 512 Masonic Temple, Erie, Pennsylvania;
Mrs. J. B. Blair, 325 High St., Mantua, Ohio;
Or myself, R. F. D. 8, Box 131, Birmingham, Alabama.

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QUERIES AND REPLIES

"I never saw an oft removed Tree, Nor yet an oft removed Family,
That throve so well as those that settled be."—B. Franklin.

To Contributors: In sending queries and answers to this department, it will be well to observe:

1. All names and addresses must be clearly written;
2. Make all queries brief and clear;
3. Answers should give date of the paper, number of the query, and your signature and address written clearly;
4. The full name and address of the writer must always be given.

9. From what sources do you obtain the military data given on page 5 of Blair Magazine, No. 2?—Miss P.

Ans. At the head of that article will be found the references to Heitman's Registers, formerly privately printed, later taken over by the government, and now considered official.

10. Would you consider inserting genealogical, or kindred, advertisements in the Blair Magazine; and if so, at what rates

Ans. Yes, at the rate of $3.00 per quarter page per issue, payable in advance. $2.00 to members.

Ans. to Query No. 6, B. M. No. 2—JAMES BLAIR, son of Robert and Isabella (Rankin) Blair, was a Mill-Wright, and owned a large farm in Rutland, Mass. Dec. 26, 1746, he bought of Mr. Jonas Clark, of Boston, ninety acres in Rutland, lying on Turkey Hill Pond; in 1764 he received land in the cedar swamp. Mr. Reed, in his history of Rutland, writes: "Lieutenant James Blair was a useful and active citizen during and after the war." His name is on the Town Book as one of the Alarm Men in 1776. The following is a record of his children:

(1) Isabel, who married June 23, 1768, Patrick Watson.
(2) Mary, who married Nov. 2, 1789, Samuel McClanathan, of Palmer, Mass.
(3) John, who married Dec. 23, 1780, Ann Bothwell;
(4) Hugh, who married Nov. 7, 1772, Jane McClanathan, of Charlemont, Mass. —From B. L. B., Orlando, Fla.

11. Our mother was a Blair, daughter of Jacob Blair and Mary Ann Nichols Blair. My grandfather was Robert Blair who came from Virginia to Ohio some time about 1800. I think his father was James Blair.—Aug. 2, 1926., Mrs. R. W. Clark, Carthage, Illinois. "Windiecrest" R. 4.

12. What do the letters "M.W.C." following the name of John Blair listed in Pa. Archives Series 5, Vol. 88, p. 21 signify?—Mrs. P. Kas. City.

Ans. The Librarian of the S. A. P. in Los Angeles suggests that they mean "Marched with Company". (Is there a better explanation?—Ed.)

13. Isaac Blair of Bellynannie, County Down, Ireland, had two brothers who emigrated to America about 1820. It was believed that one of them went south to Virginia, the other to the Lakes Region. Once it was reported that one had been killed by the Indians; but that was not positively known, as all trace of them was lost by my grandfather, Isaac Blair and his children, who have never been able to trace any of their descendants. If anyone believes themselves to be related to this line of the Blairs, please write the Editor, and Miss Anne Blair, Nabb, Indiana.

14. Information is wanted of the ancestry of this line:

Robert Lytle, b 1777; left Mifflin Co. Pa., 1802, having lived there 25 years. Had 10 children. A daughter, MARGARET LYTLE, m THOMAS BLAIR. Their daughter, REBECCA BLAIR, m ..... VORHEES. Issue: Frank Vorhees, John, Margaret, Lida, Rebecca, Mary, m John S. LYTLE. (This Vorhees name suggests S. W. Pa.)

15. From a letter dated Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec. 22, 1899, to John Blair of Carthage, Mo., giving a list of people, JOHN BLAIR included, who joined the Presbyterian Church in Bellefontaine on March 21, 1857, was the name, "ISABELLA BLAIR"; together with the query, "Please tell me who Isabella Blair was, names of her parents and what became of her, if you know, and oblige, Yours truly, G. W. Bartholomew." Our correspondent wonders if this may have been preparatory to the compilation of their church history, or some such matter, which might reveal other BLAIR data. Can our readers afford us light on this?—E. B. W. Los Angeles.

16. WANTED—Some Early BLAIR Relatives.

(a) In York County, Pa., "in 1768", ROBERT BLAIR was born to parents whose names are unknown; probably their first child; a sister, JEAN (JANE?) married "in Philadelphia" (?) a Mr. Robe or Robb and went westward; brother JAMES, born 1773, the mother dying shortly after; the father "died in 1776", or "in one of the first skirmishes of the Revolution" (traditions differ), and the children "were taken by relatives, later the boys were bound out."

Who were those relatives?

(b) About 1795 ROBERT m. Jean Allison, daughter of Gavin, and were members of Guinston. Their first child was named WILLIAM, the second GAVIN ALLISON BLAIR. Did they follow "that almost invariable rule of the Scotch-Irish" and

name the first son for his father, the second for hers? This possibility is strengthened by the fact that tradition has said "JEAN was the daughter of William Allison." That her father was Gavin is established beyond question. A case of confused tradition?

(c) There were other BLAIRS in York County at that time; have those lines any traditions of these children? Who was the shoemaker, "WILLIAM BLEAR" whose name and work is preserved in an old York County account book of the 1760-80's? Who was the WILLIAM BLAIR from York County who enlisted "at Philadelphia" for the Revolutionary War?

All possible information, including the mother's name, wanted.—E. B. W.

Answer to Question 3.

Enos McClellan married ELIZABETH BLAIR.

In Egle's Pennsylvania Genealogies is "Galbraith, of Donegal", and in a footnote to this is the following:

John McClellan, of Donegal. Wife's name not given.
William George, died a prisoner of war in New York.
Col. James died, Mercersburg.
Dr. John died, Greencastle.
Martha, m John Galbraith.
Daughter, m John Holliday.
Daughter, m William Holliday.
Daughter, m Capt. JOHN BLAIR, of Blair County.
Daughter, m Samuel Culbertson.
Daughter, m Mr. McDowell.
Daughter, m Mr. Ramsey, of Franklin County.

These are all the names given; no dates whatever. This line was one of Dr. Eleanor M. H. Moore's own lines. In someway she was blood-related to the McClellands. A number of years ago there was published in Blair County a special edition of a newspaper that gave, as I recall, very much of value to the BLAIRS.

17. Tell us something of the Rev. Robert Smith and his two sons, JOHN BLAIR SMITH, Moderator of the General Assembly (Presb.), 1798; and SAMUEL STANHOPE SMITH, Moderator of the General Assembly, 1799. The old Dr., the father, was Moderator, 1790. Why, or how, came the name BLAIR? Did the Rev. Dr. Robert Smith marry a Miss Blair, and hence named his son BLAIR for an uncle on the mother's side? Vide The Presbyterian, July 29, 1926, pp. 13 and 17. —J. H. B. H.

18. "HENRY BLAIR, b. ....., d. 11-25-1820, m. Rachel Ryerson b. 11-20-1790 and d. 11-6-1813. Issue two—DAVID N. BLAIR, b. ..... d. ....., 1845; and ELLEN BLAIR, b. ....., 1816, d. 7-13-1820. Family extinct." (There must have been a mistake in her birth-date, 1816, as the mother died in 1813, as given above—J. H. B. H.)—Ryerson Genealogy, 1916.

19. "JOHN BLAIR, married Mary Adelaide Robinson, who was born July 22, 1822. They were married June 5, 1846. Her parents were Joseph Terry Robinson and Jane Ryerson." Who were these BLAIRS?—J. H. B. H.

20. Information wanted of descendants of JOHN BLAIR, who lived in White County near Sparta and McMinville, Tenn. d. about 1816. There was a daughter, ADELIA J. BLAIR; sons, J. H. BLAIR and T. R. BLAIR, all minors at death of their father and mother, who must have died about the same time, as in settlement of administrator's account there are two coffins for Mr. and Mrs. Blair charged up. T. B. Rice, administrator, and guardian of the minor heirs of JOHN BLAIR, deceased. There may have been other children, but the above three are all that are mentioned. —A. B. A.

21. Information wanted of relatives of Capt. SAMUEL BLAIR; also of JOHN BLAIR, aged 68 years, of Tenn. Both men fell with Travis in the Alamo March 6, 1836.—A. B. A.

22. Information of the descendants of THOMAS BLAIR'S children—JAMES BLAIR, SAMUEL RUTH BLAIR, WILLIAM BLAIR, and "SARAH BLAIR PARMARE" (perhaps spelled sometimes Parmar or Palmar. THOMAS BLAIR, their father, was of Guilford County, N. C., where his will was probated Aug., 1825, which recites his having three old slaves, and son WILLIAM BLAIR to have home-

stead after death of slaves as compensation for keeping slaves, and himself in his old age.—A. B. A.

NOTES: Three BLAIRS were soldiers, and perished in the Alamo; one was Capt. SAMUEL BLAIR; JOHN BLAIR, age 68, of Tenn.; and JOHN BLAIR, of Missouri. There is no record, so far, of the family of Capt. SAMUEL BLAIR, or of JOHN BLAIR, of Tenn.; but the JOHN BLAIR of Mo. was b. Nov. 15, 1796 (from Bible records); no m. record. He was one of eight children: 1. JESSE BLAIR, m. Emaline ....., descendants in Penna. 2. SAMUEL BLAIR, d. in Sacramento, Cal., about 20 years ago. 3. ISAAC BLAIR, descendants in Mo. 4. THOMAS MILIGAN BLAIR, lived in Mo., nothing known of his family. 5. MARY BLAIR, m. Newton Quary, descendants live in Mo. 6. MARGARETE BLAIR, m. Wm. Spear, descendants live in Tex. 7. JOHN BLAIR, b. Nov. 15, 1796—if ever married it is not known. 8. FRANCIS ASBURY BLAIR, b. in Mo. (N. E.), near Perryville, descendants, son FRANK BLAIR, lives in Waco, Tex., daughter MARY Bish, lives in Cuba, Mo. —A. B. A.

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In Memoriam

GILL, Harry Blair, Esq., of Philadelphia, a Charter Member of our Society was the first death in the membership, in July last. Particulars of his life are not at hand, but will be noticed in a later issue. He was a brother of Dr. Eleanor M. Heistand-Moore, and a member of the Philadelphia Bar.

BLAIR, Sara (Warrener), died at Merlin, Oregon, March 28, 1926, mother of two of our Life Members: Maurice Reuben Blair and Frank Warrener Blair, of Detroit. She was born in Royal Oak Township, Oakland County, Michigan, October 1, 1837, the youngest child of John and Mary (Wood) Warrener, pioneers in Royal Oak township. She married Henry Harrison BLAIR, June 21, 1857, who died April 28, 1911. She and her husband are buried at Orion, Michigan. A third child, Minnie E., of Merlin, Oregon, also survives.

BLAIR, John Hames. He was born in Crabb Tree, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, on May 18, 1844, the son of James Blair, Jr., and Jane Hames, and grandson of James Blair and Isabella Scott. His father was born June 22, 1817, in Strabane, Ireland, married March 29, 1843, at Crabb Tree to Jane Hames, who was born December 31, 1822, in Crabb Tree, and died November 6, 1882, at Export, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. His father, James Blair, Jr., died September 17, 1875, in Manordale (Export) Pennsylvania. Our member's grandfather, James Blair, was born about 1747, in Strabane, Ireland, and married in Ireland, Isabella Scott, who was born in 1781, in Scotland. The member's grandfather died in 1839, in Strabane, Ireland, and his grandmother, Isabella Scott, died March 19, 1857, in Delmont, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Our Mr. John Hames Blair, was married December 26, 1872 to Miss Annie Eliza Shields. Their children are: Ida Mary, now Mrs. Metz, born November 7, 1873; Sarah Jane, now Mrs. Crider, born February 2, 1876; James Shields Blair, Born April 9, 1878; Anna Rhea, now Mrs. Noble, born June 3, 1881; Scott Humes Blair, now deceased, born August 25, 1883; Elizabeth White Blair, born April 18, 1886; John LeRoy Blair, now deceased, born June 6, 1888. Mr. Blair was the author of an interesting history of his own branch of the Blair Family. This is the second death in our large membership, and our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family in large measure.

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